

But the company's good work goes beyond its own employees. At the Annual New Hampshire ESGR Awards luncheon held in January of this year, the Company President and CEO, Mr. John Morison, III, agreed to video tape his comments so that the New Hampshire ESGR Committee could share his thoughts and perspectives with other employers across the state. His presentation is now part of a major statewide Chamber of Commerce initiative. New Hampshire Adjutant General Major General John Blair, along with several key military leaders, are currently reaching out to Chambers of Commerce and other civic organizations across the state through a speakers program. "The Value of Employing Citizen Soldiers in the Workplace". It is clear that Hitchiner Manufacturing has set the pace for other New Hampshire-based companies to follow.

In closing, I wish again to commend Hitchiner Manufacturing President and CEO John Morison and all the company's employees on this proud day.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BERNARD SANDERS

OF VERMONT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

Mr. SANDERS. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably delayed during rollcall vote 504 on October 14, 1999. Had I been present, I would have voted "no".

In addition, I was unavoidably delayed on November 1, 1999 during rollcall votes 550, 551, and 552. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall votes 550 and 551 and "no" on rollcall vote 552.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE WALTER PAYTON

HON. EARL F. HILLIARD

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

Mr. HILLIARD. Mr. Speaker, today I rise with great sadness to recognize the loss of one of this country's greatest athletes—Mr. Walter Payton. As a former football player, I knew from the moment that he touched the field that he would dominate the game and become one of the great heroes of the league. There was a "sweetness," as his nickname suggests, about him that let you know that he was in total control, and would have you wrestling to overpower him until the bitter end. His life is a testament to the American Dream, and embodies the struggles of a soldier at war against himself and his fellow man. Upon entering the league he was told he wouldn't be successful because of his small build, but through a rigorous workout and perseverance he became the best running back ever in the NFL. No other football player since him has brought such style and grace to a game defined by muscles and egos. In a society that is constantly coronating heroes and idols for our youth, I lift up Walter Payton as the epit-

ome of valor, the symbol of truth, and the embodiment of what it means to be an American.

Martin Luther King once challenged us to do our jobs so well that all the hosts of heaven and earth will pause to say, here lived a great man who did his job well. This week, as we continue to reflect upon his career and look to the future, I ask that those of us on earth pause in tribute to a man who not only played football well, but served his people, his family and his country well. May we keep his family in our prayers and his legacy in our hearts.

RECOGNIZING DUVAL COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER J. O. BARRERA FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

HON. CIRO D. RODRIGUEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

Mr. RODRIGUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Duval County Veterans Service Officer Jose Oscar Barrera. It is with great appreciation that I recognize Mr. Barrera for his many years of dedicated service to the citizens of Duval County.

J.O. Barrera was born and raised in San Diego, TX. After graduating from high school, on November 18, 1942, Mr. Barrera was called to military service in the United States. Mr. Barrera returned to live in San Diego in December 1945. He accepted a job with Duval County in 1946 in the Tax Collector's Office. On February 1, 1955, he was appointed Duval County Veterans Service Officer, a position he continues to hold to this day.

During his tenure as Duval County Veterans Service Officer, Mr. Barrera received recognition for his outstanding service several times. In 1973, he was offered the position of Service Officer for the State Veterans Affairs Commission of Texas in San Antonio. Upon serious consideration of the offer, he declined, preferring to remain in his home town where he could continue to provide needed assistance to the veterans he knew best.

At the 32d annual meeting of the Texas County Service Officers Association held in Dallas in 1979, the membership honored Mr. Barrera with one of the highest awards for veterans service. He was named Outstanding Veterans County Service Officer for the 60-county San Antonio Region. On February 26, 1999, he was presented with AMVETS National Commander's Appreciation Certificate from the AMVETS/American Veterans Organization Office in Houston for his sincere dedication in assisting veterans and their dependents.

At the 52d annual Statewide Conference for Veterans Service Officers held September 28 through October 1, 1999, in Dallas, Mr. Barrera was awarded two certificates for his years of service. State Representative Ignacio Salinas, Jr. awarded Mr. Barrera a certificate recognizing his 44 years of service as Veterans Service Officer for Duval County. He was also awarded a certificate of excellence in service to the veterans of Duval County by State Senator Judith Zaffner.

Mr. Barrera exemplifies what every county should have, a competent Veterans Service

Officer who dedicates his life to the veterans of his county. Mr. J.O. Barrera continues to proudly serve the veterans and their dependents in Duval County, TX. It is most appropriate to honor his work, dedication, and commitment to public service.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE FLETCHER HENDERSON, JR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, November 3, 1999

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, Fletcher Henderson, Jr. is remembered as one of the great figures in jazz history.

Born in 1898, in the southwest Georgia community of Cuthbert, he pioneered as an arranger, composer and leader of an acclaimed band featuring the likes of Louis Armstrong, Coleman Hawkins and Lester Young.

He has been gone since 1952, but his memory is kept alive by the people of Cuthbert and Randolph County who are restoring the street and home where he was born and raised and who annually stage a jazz festival in his name, which was held for a full week in late October featuring the Fort Benning U.S. Army and Andrew College jazz bands, gospel music, and a variety of activities. Visionary citizenship made all this possible, led by the planning committee of Chairman Mary Kearney, Mayor Willie Martin, Henry Cook, Minnie Lewis, Wesley Shorter, and Thelma Walker.

This is just a start. They are planning even bigger things as a part of this community's tribute to a great American and the art form he helped shape.

Congratulations, Cuthbert.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, November 4, 1999 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.